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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF PAULA M. FANG FOR USLO ASSISTANCE IN
OBTAINING PRC VISA EXTENSION

1. IN CALL AT DEPT SEPT 15, DR. P. H. FANG, A NATURALIZED
US CITIZEN RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TWO-MONTH VISIT TO PRC,
SAID THAT HE AND HIS DAUGHTER PAULA M. FANG, A NATIVE-
BORN US CITIZEN, HAD WRITTEN TO USLO FROM KUNMING IN LATE
AUGUST ASKING THAT USLO SERVE AS CHANNEL TO MFA FOR
DAUGHTER'S REQUEST TO EXTEND HER STAY IN CHINA FOR ONE YEAR
BEYOND OCTOBER 20 EXPIRATION OF HER PRESENT PRC VISA. THEY
HAD DONE SO, HE SAID, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE FROM HEAD
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION IN YUNNAN PROVINCE REVOLUTIONARY
COMMITTEE. (HE LEFT WITH US DRAFTS OF HIS AND DAUGHTER'S
LETTERS.) FANG ASKED WHETHER USLO OR DEPT COULD HELP IN
SECURING FAVORABLE MFA DECISION ON HIS DAUGHTER'S REQUEST.

2. DEPTOFF SAID WE HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM USLO ON
THIS SUBJECT, AND PROMISED TO INQUIRE, BUT POINTED OUT
THAT EXTENSION OF MISS FANG'S VISA WAS STRICTLY A MATTER
BETWEEN HER AND PRC AUTHORITIES, WHOSE DECISION WE COULD
NOT PROPERLY AND WOULD NOT TRY TO INFLUENCE. DEPTOFF
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EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT YUNNAN AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE

WANTED REQUEST TO GO THROUGH USLO, OFFERED OWN VIEW THAT
DIRECT APPLICATION TO MFA SEEMED APPROPRIATE. FANG
THEN SAID THAT A SHORT TIME BEFORE THIS CONVERSATION AN

PRCLO, MA P'EI-CH'ANG, HAD ALSO ADVISED HIM THAT MISS
FANG SHOULD APPLY DIRECTLY TO MFA.

3. ON SEPT 17 DEPTOFF PHONED MA, BRIEFLY RELATED
CONVERSATION WITH DR. FANG. MA SAID HE HAD "SUGGESTED" TO
DR. FANG THAT HIS DAUGHTER SHOULD APPLY TO MFA, POSSIBLY
THROUGH YUNNAN PROVINCE AUTHORITIES. MA LISTENED WITHOUT
COMMENT, OTHER THAN "I UNDERSTAND," TO REITERATION OF
DEPT'S STRICTLY NEUTRAL POSITION TOWARD REQUESTS LIKE MISS
FANG'S AND ITS DISINCLINATION TO HAVE USLO SERVE AS A
CHANNEL FOR SUCH REQUESTS UNLESS THAT IS EXPRESS DESIRE OF
MFA. "I UNDERSTAND" WAS LIKEWISE MA'S ONLY COMMENT WHEN
DEPTOFF NOTED USLO WOULD OWE MISS FANG SOME KIND OF REPLY,
AND THAT USLO'S REPLY MIGHT SUGGEST SHE APPLY TO MFA
THROUGH WHATEVER CHINESE CHANNELS MIGHT BE DESIGNATED.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING US KNOW OF ACTION TAKEN,
SO THAT WE MAY INFORM DR. FANG.

5. BEGIN FYI. MISS FANG'S PASSPORT, A-1124983, IS VALID
UNTIL MAY 27, 1975, DPOB WASHINGTON, D.C., FEB 2, 1952.
GREAT UNCLE WITH WHOM PAULA M. FANG IS STAYING IN KUNMING
IS FANG KUO-YU, SENIOR PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT YUNNAN
UNIVERSITY. ACCORDING TO P. H. FANG, FANG KUO-YU HAD
THOROUGHLY COORDINATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS AND DAUGHTER'S
VISIT ON FOUR-MONTH VISAS WITH MFA, BUT QUESTION OF
WHETHER SHE MIGHT STAY ON HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN. WHILE IN
PEKING P. H. FANG TRIED BUT WAS UNABLE TO SEE "FAMILY
FRIEND" KUO YING-CH'IU, FORMER YUNNAN GOVERNOR NOW
PRESIDENT OF CHINESE PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY. END FYI RUSH

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